THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) No exact figure as to the number of deep sea fishing vessels lying idle at Visakhapatnam Port, is available. However, there are eight deep sea fishing vessels lying idle in Visakhapatnam Port under the receivership of Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited, Bombay.

(c) A scheme for rehabilitation of deep-sea fishing industry was announced in April, 1991 which has further been liberalised in June, 1992. The scheme provides for reschedulement of the loan repayment, moratorium on loan repayment period, waiver of penal interest, provision of additional loan for modification of vessels etc.

Assistance to Sick Deep Sea Fishing Units

398. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the FAC has submitted a report recently on the sustainability of deep sea fisheries in India ;

(b) if so, what are the contents of the report ;

(c) what steps the Central Government are taking to assist sick deep sea fishing units based in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) what are the proposals under Government's consideration to reduce the huge debt burden of the sick fishing units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present status of the deep sea fishing units in Visakhapatnam has been reviewed and suggested measures for improvement of the situation. It is proposed in the report that developmental tactics may be applied for the revitalisation, diversification, and redeployment of deep sea fishing pertaining to three fields *viz.* Demonstration Commercial Fishing (DCF), credit and eventually incentives.

(c) and (d) In order to assist sick deep sea fishing units including the units based in Andhra Pradesh, Government announced a scheme in April, 1991. Further liberalisation of the scheme was announced in June, 1992. The scheme provides for waiver of penal interest and reschedulement of loan, etc.

Milk Products Producing Units

399. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any units producing milk products are coming up, since the last one year ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof State-wise ; and

(c) what is their proposed installed capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c). About 520 Memoranda have been filed by entrepreneurs for establishment of new Undertakings/effecting substantial expansion for processing liquid milk and manufacture of milk products since August, 1991. Statewise estimated numbers of Memoranda filed by entrepreneurs are given in the Statement. (*See* below). In absence of clear indication of capacities of individual products proposed to be manufactured by the entrepreneurs in most of these Memoranda, segregated proposed capacities of items are not indicated. None of the entrepreneurs who have filed the Memoranda of Information have informed that they have started commercial production so as to assess the actual installed capacity.